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HONG KONG FIXED AS H.Q. OF B.P. FLEET

ADMIRAL SIR BRUCE FRASER, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET, CONFIRMED DEFINITELY YESTERDAY THAT HONG KONG IS TO BE THE HEADQUARTERS OF HIS COMMAND. HE TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ABOARD OF DUKE OF YORK THAT SINGAPORE WOULD REMAIN AS AN IMPORTANT FAR EASTERN BASE, BUT THAT HONG KONG HAD BEEN SELECTED AS HEAD-QUARTERS FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS.

The climate is better than Singapore's; it is closer to the scene of fleet activities around Japan; it is in better position for cooperation with the United States Navy in evacuating prisoners and internees.

Admiral Fraser said the Navy was trying to increase the accommodation of Hong Kong's dockyards. Asked specifically if they would be enlarged beyond pre-war capacity, he said he did not think so; that the post-war installations here offered quite extensive facilities.

The admiral said that two brigades of British Empire troops are expected to land at Kure "in about a month" to participate in the occupation of Japan. He said the operation of the port would be under British Navy jurisdiction, while the land commander would be Australian, with one Australian brigade and one British-Indian brigade, and New Zealand air elements.

NO ZONES He said there were no specific American and British naval zones established along the Asiatic coast, but they were tackling such major tasks as mine sweeping in cooperation.

"With the permission of the Chinese government," he said, "we go where there is a job to be done."

He said the primary difficulty in dealing with the Chinese government was attributable to communication delays. He made the comment in response to a question as to whether there had been any complications in getting Chinese permission for British Fleet activities along the China coast.

"The Chinese have welcomed us wherever we have been," he asserted.

Admiral Fraser said the final strength of the British Pacific Fleet is still undecided, but at present it includes three battle-ships, two large cruisers, two small cruisers, seven destroyers and 16 destroyers.

He said he thought the date of transfer of a British cruiser and corvette to the Chinese Navy depends on the Chinese Navy being ready. He said there now are some Chinese naval officers with the British Fleet.

Admiral Fraser declined to predict the period of occupation to be required in Japan, commenting "You've heard enough of those guesses," but he predicted, "it will be shorter than expected. People always get tired of an occupation and of the expense involved."

He cited the occupation of part of Germany after the last war as an example.

He said that the same post-war lassitude toward military establishments would be a main factor in reducing the size of the Pacific Fleet. He said demobilisation would affect the Fleet personnel strength, but he thought enlistments would meet the Fleet needs, "as they always have."

He expressed the belief that the increases provided in the new British servicemen's programme "are very generous."

He said it has not been determined how strong a bastion Singapore will be built into, but the (Continued on Page 6)

Channel Gale

Dever, Dec. 22. Wintry gales yesterday swept a new and menacing series of floating mine concentrations on the English Channel coast. Repeated explosions shook the coastline as demolition crews exploded the loosely floating charges. Heavy seas, brought the worst floods of the century to Cork.—Associated Press.

JAPS. SIGN PETITION FOR YAMASHITA

TOKYO, DEC. 22. PETITIONS SIGNED BY 86,000 JAPANESE ASKING THAT GENERAL YAMASHITA BE REPRIVILEGED OR BE GIVEN THE PRIVILEGE OF COMMITTING HARI KARI HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS. The petitions were handed to Col. H. B. Wheeler, MacArthur's military secretary, by Teichiro Araki, a Tokyo consulting engineer and sponsor of the appeal. Wheeler said they will be given to MacArthur for "due consideration."

The bulk of the signatures were collected at a table on a vacant lot in the crowded Ginza by Araki. Signers poured in from remote places in Japan. The petitions support Araki's plea that the sentence be changed to life imprisonment or, failing that, that Yamashita "be allowed the soldier's honour of committing hari kari."—Associated Press.

Sanctions If Necessary

WASHINGTON, DEC. 22. THE FOREIGN ECONOMIC ADMINISTRATION TO-DAY URGED THE ALLIES TO TAKE QUICK CONTROL OF ALL GERMAN ASSETS OUTSIDE THE REICH, BY FORCE OF SANCTIONS AGAINST NEUTRAL COUNTRIES IF NECESSARY.

It recommended a permanent separation of the Ruhr and Rhineland from Germany to cripple her war-making power. It said the threat of German outside Germany of making arms or conducting scientific research was "too dangerous" a prospect to leave alone.

It stated that two thirds of German assets outside its borders were in Turkey and Argentina, while other countries also have German controlled industries, funds and laboratories.—Associated Press.

Brussels, Dec. 22. The Belgian Parliament last night unanimously ratified the Bretton Woods Agreement.—Reuter.

Fliers Tell Story Of Captivity

TIENTSIN, DEC. 21. SIX MARINE FLIERS WHO RETURNED SAFELY TO AMERICAN LINES YESTERDAY SAID THEY HAD BEEN HELD UNDER GUARD MOST OF THE TIME IN A CHINESE COMMUNIST VILLAGE ABOUT 20 MILES SOUTH OF PEIPIING SINCE NOV. 10. THEY BECAME LOST IN A BAD STORM IN A TORPEDO BOMBER AND CRASH LANDED NEAR HOCHIN VILLAGE. THE FLIERS SAID COMMUNISTS AND BANDITS LOOTED THEIR BELONGINGS, MOST OF WHICH WERE FREQUENTLY FACING WITH GUNS.

Lieut. Robert Holbrook said the Communists kept them out of sight when marine planes flew overhead, but insisted they were not prisoners.

"I don't know what you'd call it," Holbrook observed, "when they sat around holding cocked weapons on us."

The fliers said the Communists tried continually to indoctrinate them and elicit praise for their treatment. They said the Communists wanted to know why the Marines are in China and asserted they should have because the Communists could disarm the Japanese.

Some of the Communists seized American planes of strafing villages and said there had been some fighting between Communists and Americans.

Holbrook said one stated that Americans and Communists were at war.

The airmen escaped Nov. 25 in a heavy fog but were recaptured after a brush with a group of Chinese soldiers.—Associated Press.

TURKISH REJOINDER

ANKARA, DEC. 22. TURKISH PRESS COMMENT TO-DAY DEALS WITH DEMANDS APPEARING IN SOVIET NEWSPAPERS FOR THE RETURN OF GEORGIAN TERRITORY TO RUSSIA.

One paper declared: "The whole world must know that the Straits form the throat of the Turkish nation and the Kara Plateau its backbone. Both states (Russia and Turkey) have interest in being and remaining friends, otherwise great misfortunes will result for both."

Kare, Reuter adds, is the province in eastern Turkey, transferred from Russia after the last war.—Reuter.

MARSHALL BEGINS TALKS WITH CHIANG

Chungking, Dec. 22. General George Marshall, new United States Ambassador to China, began talks with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in Nanking last night.—Reuter.

BIG THREE RESULTS High Hope Of Successful Issue Whittling Away Suspensions

MOSCOW, DEC. 22. EXPLORATORY CONVERSATIONS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF BRITAIN, RUSSIA AND THE UNITED STATES APPEAR TO HAVE BROUGHT THE THREE COUNTRIES CLOSER TOGETHER THAN THEY WERE BEFORE THE MEETINGS, INFORMED FOREIGN QUARTERS SAID.

CERTAIN SUSPICIONS WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE A GOOD CHANCE OF BEING DISPELLED. IT WAS REPORTED, ON THE SIXTH DAY OF THE "BIG THREE" FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING, THE 65TH BIRTHDAY OF JOSEF STALIN, THIS APPEARED TO BE THE SITUATION ON THE BASIS OF REPORTS FROM INFORMED FOREIGN QUARTERS.

There is a strong feeling some results will come from the meeting and these may be better than originally expected, but every difference among the three is not likely to be settled at this conference.

Secretaries Byrnes and Bevin are believed to be anxious not to raise hopes and expectations of the American and British people too much.

The Foreign Ministers have no desire or intention of dominating the United Nations Organisation or by-passing it. However, the "Big Three" collaboration was applauded during the war and considerable good can be accomplished through such collaboration.

If the United Nations Organisation was expected to handle all matters there would be no need for the nations to have Ambassadors and Foreign Ministers.

It was suggested no movement is afoot to dissolve the Council of Foreign Ministers as one of the mediums for settling peace.

The Foreign Ministers' Council includes France and China along with the "Big Three."

It appeared the United Nations Organisation should begin to take over some of the council functions soon.—Associated Press.

POSITIVE STAGE Moscow, Dec. 22. Informed sources close to the Big-Three Foreign Ministers to day said a "positive stage" has been reached in their talks.

These sources said Russia, the United States and Britain appeared closer now on vital international issues than before the conference opened.

They said that considerable suspicion appears to have been dispelled on all sides.

Observers said this does not mean that all obstacles to understanding on international issues had been removed but there were good reasons to believe that some agreements are going to be reached.—Associated Press.

BYRNES OUT OF LUCK? Moscow, Dec. 22. Secretary of State James Byrnes is hopeful of leaving Moscow for the United States by Christmas, but observers here believe it is unlikely that the Big-Three Foreign Ministers will conclude their meeting by then.

While there is no daily channel of information being supplied to the Chinese and French representatives in Moscow, it is believed they will be kept informed of anything of interest to them.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER To-day's forecast:—Cloudy, local rain at first. Freshening north-east and easterly winds. Mild then cooler.

Yesterday's temperature:—Maximum:—70 degrees at noon. Minimum:—04 degrees at 7 a.m.

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PURDY DEATH SENTENC

London, Dec. 22. Walter Purdy, 27, a former Royal Naval officer, was yesterday sentenced to death for high treason after the jury had convened in a 17-minute deliberation.

Purdy was convicted of broadcasting and preparing leaflets for the Nazis after he was made a prisoner of war and disclosing an escape tunnel which British officers were digging from a prison camp.—Associated Press.

FILIPINO PUPPET FOUND DEAD

MANILA, DEC. 22. THE MILITARY POLICE TO-DAY FOUND THE BODY OF SERGIO AQUINO, PUPPET GOVERNOR OF THREE CENTRAL LUZON PROVINCES DURING THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION ON AN ABANDONED AIRFIELD NEAR BAMBAN TARIAC PROVINCE.

He was kidnapped ten days ago during a party celebrating his release on bail from the collaborators' prison.

The military police have arrested four men and said they had confessed to the participation in the abduction but named another as the killer.

Aquino is believed to have been buried alive although head bruises indicated he might have been knocked unconscious.—Associated Press.

IT WAS LEARNED AUTHORITATIVELY TO-DAY THAT WAR-TIME JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER, GENERAL TOJO, WITH HIS ENTIRE CABINET, WILL BE TRIED JOINTLY AS WAR CRIMINALS IN THE FIRST OF THE MAJOR WAR TRIALS STARTING IN FEBRUARY.

IT WAS ALSO LEARNED THAT PRINCE MORIMASA NASHIMOTO AND SEVERAL OTHER JAPANESE HELD IN THE SUGAMO PRISON AS ALLEGED WAR CRIMINALS SOON MAY BE FREED.

Joseph B. Keenan, Chief War Criminal Prosecutor, would not say definitely whether any Japanese will be released, but said: "If available evidence fails to show reasonable cause to believe that certain men are guilty, we shall have to release them. I can say we are scrutinizing the case of Prince Nashimoto for this purpose."

Keenan said the charge against Tojo and his Cabinet would be promoting, planning and designing war aggression in violation of international covenants.

He said: "If we tried these men for a murder case, we get below the level of international or global crime of which they clearly are guilty."—Associated Press.

REPARATIONS FROM GERMANY

Paris, Dec. 22. The Inter-Allied Reparations Conference to-day announced that the United States and Britain each would be awarded 25 per cent of the remaining available reparations in Western Germany.

France will get 16 per cent. The remaining 28 per cent will be divided among 14 countries.

Actually, 76 per cent of the available total. The Potsdam Conference had pledged 25 per cent of the reparations to Russia.

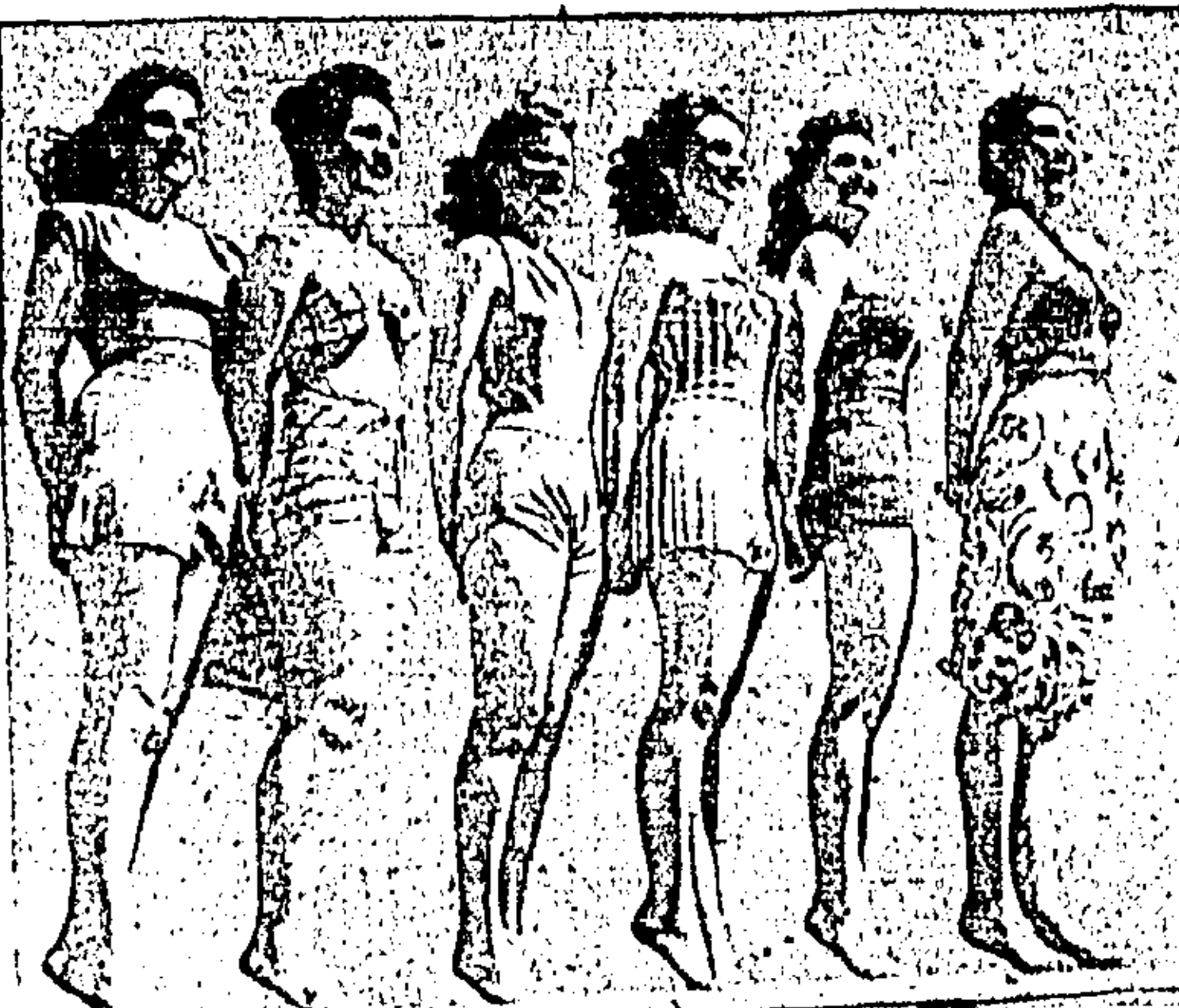
The Conference announced that the quotas will include 15 per cent reparations from the Soviet Zone which the Russians will turn over to the Western allies.—Associated Press.

FOREIGN BANKS OPEN IN TIENTSIN

Tientsin, Dec. 22. Two large American and one British bank have reopened branches in Tientsin. They are the National City, Chase and Hong Kong and Shanghai banks.—Associated Press.

have run into difficulties owing to Soviet demands for joint control of all Manchurian heavy industries.

In the Sino-Soviet Treaty of last August, Russia retained certain rights in Dairen and Port Arthur, and joint control over the South Manchurian Railway, but nothing was said about joint control of Manchuria's heavy industries.—Reuter.



The "Sunday Herald" yesterday received this handsome specimen of feminine pulchritude without a caption to do it justice. As no member of the staff felt sufficiently bright adequately to supply the deficiency, we are offering a prize of \$20 for the best caption provided by a Serviceman within the course of next week. The limit is 40 words and entries should be addressed to "Caption," c/o "Sunday Herald," Windsor House, Hong Kong.

Attlee Looks Into Java Situation

LONDON, DEC. 22. THE BRITISH MILITARY DECISION TO USE ADDITIONAL FORCES IN JAVA IS BEING REVIEWED BY PRIME MINISTER ATTLEE AND HIS CABINET. IT WAS LEARNED UNOFFICIALLY TO-DAY, AND THE FINAL DECISION PROBABLY WILL BE DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER THE CONFERENCES IN LONDON WITH DOCTOR H. J. VAN MOOK, LIEUT. GOVERNOR OF THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES.

AN INFORMED SOURCE SAID THE DECISION TO SHIFT MORE TROOPS TO JAVA WAS IMPLIED AT THE RECENT SINGAPORE CONFERENCE WHEN THE BRITISH COMMANDERS AGREED TO RESTORE LAW AND ORDER IN JAVA.

This decision was understood to have been reached on a purely military basis but the Government contention in London

was that such action could not be detached from political consequences.

For political reasons, and because increased military commitments in Java would involve further use of the local Navy and R.A.F. as well as the Army, the Singapore decision was referred to Prime Minister Attlee as the Minister of Defense.

The latter is expected to review the matter with the Cabinet and almost certainly will await discussions with van Mook before committing additional British forces.

Although Britain has consistently contended that its armed forces in Java were solely to preserve order and disarm the Japanese, there has been criticism at home of the continued casualties.

It was understood unofficially that Whitehall is concerned over this public reaction, and it was believed Attlee would hesitate to approve increased military action until convinced that the Dutch case is politically unsalable.

Some quarters have said the Hague might be less eager to reach an amicable agreement with Indonesian leaders than to have Britain restore Dutch sovereignty, and it is believed Attlee may press van Mook for a clarification of the Dutch intention.—Associated Press.

FLYING VISIT Batavia, Dec. 22. British Lt.-Gen. Miles G. Dempsey and Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Park made a flying visit to Batavia yesterday as the British troops campaigned against Indonesians east of Bandung. They are the south-east Asia ground and air chiefs, respectively.

Aneta news agency speculated that they discussed the Singapore conference decisions with Lt.-Gen. Sir Philip Christison, the British commander in Java.—Associated Press.

R.A.F. ZOOM INTO ACTION Batavia, Dec. 22. British forces to-day advanced east of Bandung after nine days of Batavia based R.A.F. planes had blasted the road blocks and nationalist strongpoints along the line of march. British press reports state that fighting continued south of Semarang.

The Aneta news agency said from Singapore that several thousand Dutch marines trained in the United States have arrived off the Malayan coast.—Associated Press.

CONGRESS ADJOURNS Washington, Dec. 22. Congress to-day adjourned for the Christmas holidays. It will reconvene on Jan. 14 for the second session of the 79th Congress.

Speaker Sam Rayburn told the House: "We have a right to be proud of ourselves."—Associated Press.

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BRITAIN FEELS STAMPEDED But Becoming Philosophical About U.S. Loan

Britain's Treaty With Siam

LONDON, DEC. 21. WITH REGARD TO THE UNITED STATES REQUEST THAT NO PEACE AGREEMENT BE SIGNED BETWEEN SIAM AND BRITAIN UNTIL AMERICA'S VIEWS HAVE BEEN MADE KNOWN, IN FORMED QUARTERS TODAY PREDICTED THAT IT WOULD BE SIGNED BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the British Government was "puzzled" by acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson's request that Britain delay the Treaty "while discussions with the United States are proceeding."

Britain has notified America of its demands for "security facilities" in Siam, it was reported, and no question of naval or air bases is involved.

Siam and England are still at war and the Government official said that Britain's terms were chiefly aimed at disarming Japanese troops in Siam and arranging for the country to share its rice stocks with adjacent areas.

Siam would be required to pay for damage caused to British and Allied interests. Associated Press.

Montreal, Dec. 22.

Scheduled shipping services between Montreal and India are resuming in the Spring, according to shipping officials here. Reuter.

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Peace Cannot Be Won At Pre-War Tempo

LONDON, DEC. 21. COMMENTING ON THE ANGLO-AMERICAN LOAN, OFFICIALS OF THE DELEGATION TO THE RECENT LOAN DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON SAY THAT IT IS "SOMEWHAT FARFARICAL" TO EXPECT FULL SUCCESS FROM ONLY THREE MONTHS OF PREPARATION (SINCE THEY SAY THAT IT CANNOT BE OVEREMPHASISED THAT THESE ARE THE REAL VITAL DISCUSSIONS OF THE THREE FORTH COMING SERIES OF TALKS) IN COMPARISON WITH THE THREE AND A QUARTER YEARS FOR THE 1938 AGREEMENT.

PERMANENT OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, ALWAYS TEND TO ENCROACH ON ETERNITY IF THEY CAN AND SOME OTHER BRITISH CIRCLES ARE NOW COMING ROUND TO THE UNITED STATES VIEW THAT PEACE LIKE WAR CANNOT BE WON AT PRE-WAR TEMPO.

Undoubtedly, the British feel that they have been stampeded on all possible counts: firstly, the "indecent haste" of ratifying the Bretton Woods Agreement within a few days of the Loan Agreement. Secondly, only three months for the vital Imperial Preference talks and thirdly, the disbanding of the Sterling areas Dollar Pool, bilaterally settling Sterling balances and above all restoring Sterling's free convertibility by the Spring of 1947 at the latest (within one year after Congress ratifies the Loan Agreement).

Lord Keynes, however, believes that the Sterling areas would not

have stood for the continuance of inconvertibility beyond the Spring of 1947, if indeed for so long, and there is increasing sympathy with Washington's view that the way to restore convertibility is to restore it and see what happened and that the way to start swimming is to get into the water.

SINK OR SWIM

Naeging at Washington will lead us nowhere. Since it is going to be "sink or swim or swim anyway" and since the issue is going to be decided within the next few years, it is better to take the plunge now than spend three years shivering on the brink. Two years ago, a strong League of Nations delegation, under the Chairmanship of the late Sir Frederick Phillips of the British Treasury, took almost as strong a stand against procrastination (to Britain's general satisfaction) as Washington took in the Anglo-American Loan negotiations (to America's horror). Britishers have just had their biggest shock since Dunkirk but Dunkirk proved salutary. Reuter.

Surplus Ships For China Proposal

WASHINGTON, DEC. 21. CONGRESSMAN WALTER H. JUDG, REPUBLICAN, OF MINNESOTA AND FORMER MEDICAL MISSIONARY IN CHINA, TODAY URGED THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE SURPLUS MERCHANT SHIPS AVAILABLE TO CHINA AS A VITAL STEP TOWARD SOLUTION OF THAT NATION'S ILLS—BOTH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC.

CLAIMS ON THE AXIS

Cincinnati, Dec. 21. The American Bar Association today resolved "that prompt action should be taken by Congress to create one or more judicial commissions skilled in the knowledge of international law to consider and adjudicate all claims of American nations against the Axis."

The commission would handle claims against Japan, Germany, Italy, Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania arising from acts committed during the war.

Another resolution asserted that the United States should secure a new treaty to replace that which the Japanese terminated on Oct. 23, 1940; require Japan to become a party to the international regulation of whaling and prevent the Japanese from encroaching upon fisheries which were regulated by international convention. Associated Press.

TRYING TO RESIGN

Washington, Dec. 21. President Truman told a news conference yesterday he had no intention of trying to resign. He was in opposition to the proposed merger of the armed forces, to which he committed himself strongly in a message to Congress.

Asked about a report that Secretary of the Navy Forrestal was trying to resign, Truman said he had been trying to do so for months but the President hopes he will continue in office. Associated Press.

TREASON CHARGE

Manila, Dec. 21. Special Prosecutor Juan Ladaw recommended today the release of Nicolas Osmana, son of President Sergio Osmana, from a \$50,000 bail. Young Osmana is held on charges of treasonable collaboration with the Japanese during the occupation. Ladaw said Young Osmana is ill in San Lazaro hospital. Associated Press.

U.S. Troops In China

SHANGHAI, DEC. 21. LIEUT. GENERAL WEDEMEYER TO-DAY TOLD THE AMERICAN TROOPS IN CHINA THAT IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S CHINESE POLICY STATEMENT THEIR RETURN HOME WOULD BE DELAYED.

After conferring with General Marshall, Wedemeyer broadcast: "As a matter of fact I have had to cancel two ships this month as a result of changes in the evacuation plan."

He said the forces were being retained to help repatriate about 2,000,000 Japanese, to help the Chinese Government move forces to liberated areas, to protect American property in the China theatre and to organize an American military advisory group of volunteers. Associated Press.

Releases Figure Up

LONDON, DEC. 21. RELEASES FROM THE FORCES FOR NOVEMBER AMOUNTED TO 391,086 OFFICERS AND MEN, AN INCREASE OF NEARLY 111,000 OVER THE OCTOBER FIGURE. THE LABOUR MINISTER, MR. ISAACS, ANNOUNCED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO-DAY. Towards the end of the month releases were at the rate of 108,000 men weekly. The total releases from June 18 to the end of November were 1,102,000. Mr. Isaacs added that the rate of Class B releases had been accelerated and that the last time he examined the figures they were running on the lines of the 10 per cent figure allotted to them. Reuter.

British Brides Of GIs

London, Dec. 22. A United States Navy spokesman said thousands of British brides of American servicemen and their babies could start sailing for the states between Jan. 10 and 20 if sufficient shipping is provided and if Congress passes a bill to let them enter as non-quota. Associated Press.

Moscow Talk Proceeding Smoothly

MOSCOW, DEC. 21. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF RUSSIA, GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES WERE REPORTED MAKING STEADY PROGRESS AS THEY WENT INTO THEIR FIFTH DAY OF CONFERENCES BUT THERE WERE INDICATIONS THEY DO NOT EXPECT TO FINISH THEIR DELIBERATIONS BY CHRISTMAS.

The first intimation that the meetings might go over to next week and possibly continue after Christmas came from disclosure that Secretary of State Byrnes planned to attend the annual Christmas eve dinner of the American colony on Monday. Observers said talks were proceeding smoothly in an atmosphere of cordiality and good humour. However, the strictest secrecy is surrounding the discussions and there is no definite information which of the numerous problems is under discussion nor the progress made.

U.S. Ambassador Averill Harriman, who accompanied Byrnes for an hour and a half talk with Josef Stalin, said the Russian generalissimo "looks very well," adding, "even better than when I saw him at the end of October." Associated Press.

PARIS A SMALL CHICAGO

PARIS, DEC. 21. LOCAL NEWSPAPERS ARE CONCERNED OVER THE CRIME WAVE IN THE FRENCH CAPITAL WHICH SOME FRENCHMEN CALL "CHICAGO ON A SMALLER SCALE."

There have been 996 killings, shootings and beatings in the first 10 months of this year, compared with 302 for the same period in the high crime year of 1939. In the first 10 months of 1945 there have been 18,200 holdups, compared with 8,894 in 1939, and over 55,000 robberies compared with 22,236 for the same period in 1939.

Paris newspapers point out that the rise in the crime wave cannot be attributed wholly to American soldiers. In its account of the crime wave, the Paris "Soir" emphasized that hundreds of thousands of men wearing American uniforms in France are not American soldiers at all.

French papers refer to them in stories as "men wearing an American uniform." Associated Press.

DAILY FLIGHTS NEW YORK TO LONDON

New York, Dec. 22. The Pan-American world airways yesterday announced it would start daily flights on Saturday from New York to London. It also announced bi-weekly flights beginning Christmas Day between New York and Lisbon. Associated Press.

SUPPLIES ON MOVE

Shanghai, Dec. 21. Foodstuffs, clothing, and other commodities supplied by the United Nations to China, which have been held on crowded docks and in jammed warehouses, are now being transported to needy inland and coastal areas, it was announced here.

Two weeks ago, U.N.R.R.A. Director Roy Hendrickson told the Chinese relief administration that unless it set up a moving, U.N.R.R.A. aid to China would be terminated. The latest reports say the Chinese have unloaded nine U.N.R.R.A. ships and are negotiating for the use of private river craft to speed deliveries. Associated Press.

SHOUTED DOWN

Teheran, Dec. 21. Parliamentary supporters of Premier Ibrahim Hakimi shouted down proposals yesterday for changes in the Iranian constitution to permit reforms and allow negotiations with the national government of Azerbaijan. The proposal would have granted semi-autonomy to Azerbaijan, the state of recent hostilities. Associated Press.

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2.00 "	2.30 "

SCOUTERS TRAINING
COURSE

The Boy Scouts Association is making every effort to speed up the revival of scouting in the Colony.

One of its latest activities is to organize a preliminary training course for scouters. The Association has enlisted the help of Scouters from Imperial Headquarters on the International Relief Service and some Service Scouters.

The course will begin on Tuesday, January 8, at 8 p.m. at the old City Hall Building, 1st floor, which is now the headquarters of the Relief Unit. The course will extend over a period of four weeks, on Tuesdays and Fridays. The meetings will last about one and a half hours. All interested, whether Scouters, Old Scouts, Rover or others who were not in the movement, are requested to communicate with the Deputy Colony Commissioner, c/o 13th H.K., Chinese Y.M.C.A.

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Bradman Out
At Practice!

London, Dec. 21.

Australia's former Test captain, Don Bradman, turned out for practice with South Australia twice this week. Consequently some people are tipping him to play again, but Bradman himself refuses to discuss the question. At practice he treated other South Australians to a great hitting exhibition. Bradman, who is 37, has not played first-class cricket since he toured England in 1938. Reuter.

The Biggest
Comeback

New York, Dec. 21.

Hank Greenberg, 34-year-old discharged serviceman whose grand slam home run won the American League pennant for the Detroit Tigers on the last day of the season, staged the biggest comeback in 1945 sports in the opinion of the nation's sports editors, pulled by the Associated Press.

Second place went to Ben Hoan, another ex-serviceman and pro golfer. Others in order were: Sarah Palfrey Cooke, tennis; Tony Cuccinello, baseball; Washington, D.C.; St. Mary's in football; Hank Boroway, as a baseball pitcher.

The University of Minnesota football team, which started the season like a house on fire and then lost five straight games, was selected as the "dog of the year." The second greatest disappointment was the St. Louis Cardinals' failure to win the National baseball league pennant. The third was the Chicago Bears' failure in the national professional football league. Associated Press.

Christmas Peace
Hope In Chungking

CHUNGKING, DEC. 22.

PEACE BY CHRISTMAS IS THE PREDOMINANT HOPE IN CHINA. IT MIGHT BE ACHIEVED IF THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD ACCEPT THE COMMUNIST PROPOSAL FOR AN UNCONDITIONAL ARMISTICE WITH THE CONTENDING MILITARY FORCES "FROZEN" IN THEIR PRESENT POSITIONS. THERE ARE FEW OUTWARD SIGNS HERE OF ITS PROXIMITY, HOWEVER, AS PLANS ARE LAID FOR THE OPENING OF THE LONG-DELAYED MEETING OF THE INTER-PARTY POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL.

The council session bears much of China's hopes for a truce in the nation's civil strife. It will be a quieter Christmas this year in Chungking. Thousands of American soldiers who were stationed here have moved on, and Chungking stores have not found it worthwhile to try very hard to lure American dollars in Christmas shopping. This will be the first Christmas since 1936 that China has

not been at war with Japan. With the war ended, many voters will pass their first Christmas in Chungking without their husbands, many of whom have gone to the coast.

The foreign community in Chungking is much smaller than it was last year but it is preparing to celebrate Christmas as usual. Among the parties to be given is one by the American girls of the American Embassy. Last year and in preceding years there were no American girls at the embassy because there were practically no exceptions to the ban against their travel in the war zone.

A POOR SHOWING

A tour of downtown Chungking showed only two establishments with Christmas in mind. One was a restaurant which displayed two Christmas cakes in the window; the other a printing shop which offered Christmas cards for sale. The high cost of entertainment—higher than ever since the war's end—has compelled many Chinese Christian families to abandon the idea of giving Christmas parties.

"Next year," they say philosophically. Parties, special church services and an appropriate radio programmes are planned for American officers and men here.

But for the first time since the present press hostel was established in Chungking, there will be no Christmas eve party among correspondents. The man who usually arranged these parties accepted an invitation out and no one volunteered to take his place. Associated Press.

REHABILITATION IN
BAY OF BENGAL

Calcutta, Dec. 22.

The Commissioner delegate for the numerous islands in the Bay of Bengal has announced a new scheme for the relief of the islands, fully one-quarter of whom died from privation during the Japanese occupation.

All assistance will be given to farmers and agriculturalists and various crops will be raised, with rice as the main item. Reuter.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 22. The University of British Columbia won its second straight basketball victory over the leading team from the United States last night. It defeated Washington State College 66 to 51. Associated Press.

R.A.F. GET SHOCK
FROM KWONG WAH

THOUGH WEAKENED BY ABSENTEES, KWONG WAH GAINED A MERITORIOUS VICTORY OVER R.A.F. BY FIVE GOALS TO ONE AT THE RECREO GROUND YESTERDAY TO ANNEX THE CUP THAT WAS OFFERED FOR THE TRIANGULAR SERIES.

The cup was donated by Mr. Chan Man-yew, a well-known local rubber manufacturer, who personally presented the cup to the winners yesterday. Souvenirs in the way of medals were presented to the players of both teams and the referee and line-men by Mr. F. C. Clemens of the China Light and Power Company.

The score did not give a true indication of the trend of play and though R.A.F. lost by a wide margin they were by no means outplayed. The airman had as much of the ball and but for tough luck might well have turned the tables on their opponents. R.A.F. fought hard to the very last minute.

With the departure for Canton of some of their stars, Kwong Wah experimented with a new forward line. This proved an instant success from the start, with Fung Kwan-shing proving an able leader. Wong King-chung, on the left wing, was outstanding. His two snappy goals scored within five minutes, when Chinese were one down, provided the turning point of the game.

The Chinese intermediate line was reliable without being brilliant and put in a lot of snide work. Hou Yung-sung again gave a sterling display at right back. Lee Kwok-kee, in goal, was not too steady in the opening stages but improved and gave a good account of himself.

For the R.A.F. it is hard to single out individuals for mention. Luck did not seem to be on their side. Moreover, they did not adapt

themselves well to the conditions. A soft and slippery ground. Pope was in goal but an early fall put him under a great handicap and he had to leave the field before time as the result of a knee injury. Smith at left half worked strenuously to get his forwards working but the Chinese defence was hard to pierce. Stokes played a dashy game as leader of the attack and was well supported by Lothian and Goodley.

R.A.F. got to a whirlwind start and from the kick-off tested Wong Kwok-kee. The Chinese, however, making good of their wingers carried play to the other end where Ho Yung-fun had Pope in difficulties with a low shot.

A misjudgment by Fok Yiu-wah resulted in this player kicking into his own goal to give first blood to the airman. R.A.F. continued to press but found Hou Yung-sung a great smiler. Showing better combination and adapting themselves to the slippery ground, Kwong Wah settled down to good soccer. Following a passing bout between Ho Yung-fun and Chow Man-chi, Wong King-chung equalized with a rising shot. A few minutes later the same player gave the Chinese the lead with a lovely angled shot.

Half-time: 2-1. Directly after the resumption, Kwong Wah increased their lead when Cheuk Shek-kam netted with Pope on the ground. Kwong Wah continued to play inspired soccer. The airman continuously carried play into the Chinese area and did everything but score.

Wong King-chung, ever alert to opportunities, snatched up a pass and netted his third goal. Shortly after Fung Kwan-shing netted the fifth.

The teams were:—
R.A.F.: Pope, Cowan, Limb, Dawn, Firman, Smith, Boyd, Lothian, Stokes, Goodley and Brooks.

Kwong Wah: Lee Kwok-kee; Hou Yung-sung, Wong Sai-kee, Fok Yiu-wah, Lau Chung-sung, Chen Yung-kee; Ho Yung-fun, Chow Man-chi, Fung Kwan-shing, Cheuk Shek-kam and Wong King-chung.

Mr. W. J. Brown, manager of the Kwong Wah team, has offered the cup for a replay of the series. This offer has been accepted by the other teams, R.A.F. and H.M.S. Montclare. The fixtures are as announced earlier.

Earlier in the afternoon, the Kwong Wah Juniors defeated Royal Engineers by four goals to one, after leading by three clear goals at the interval.

BIG MATCH TO-DAY

A good game of soccer is promised when Combined Chinese meet United Services this afternoon at Sookunpoo at 3.30 p.m. The Chinese are fielding practically the same team as that which drew with Navy last week, but Lee Tak-kee will lead the attack.

United Services are putting out a strong eleven and many of the stalwarts who have already made names for themselves in the Colony will be seen in action. Names like Sgt. Law, Lieut. Jack, Lieut. McAlister and others need no introduction.

FOOTBALL TOUR OF JAPAN

Richmond, Virginia, Dec. 21. Mylin Camp, University of Virginia football coach, said he and four other well known coaches will be heading on a 60 to 90-day tour of Japan and the Philippines early next month. He said he will be accompanied by Bo McMulla, coach of Indiana's Big Ten conference football champions; Jeff Cravath, Southern California; Henry Frank, Tulane University; and Ted Weiman, director of athletics at Maine. Associated Press.

NO. 1 ATHLETE

New York, Dec. 21. Byron Nelson, winner of the national P.G.A. golf championship and 18 other tournaments, was named by Associated Press newspaper sports editors as the number 1 male athlete of the year. It is the second straight year that Nelson has led the national poll. Felix Blanchard, Army's all-American fullback, was second choice. Associated Press.

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LANDING ON MARA

Turner Blames Kimmel: Deployment Orders

Odd Mixture

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 22. War materials from the Pacific are being washed up on the shore of Vancouver Island and a government official warned today that persons finding them should exercise the utmost care.

W. S. Parsons of the British Columbia police, said an aluminium canister containing a hand grenade, a flare with detonator and a water bottle from Tarawa Island and a life raft from a United States ship had washed ashore. Associated Press.

Brass Hats Notice It Too

Hatfield, Dec. 21. Air Marshal Sir Keith Park, Air Commander in Chief in South East Asia, said on the Hatfield airfield today that Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, Supreme Allied Commander, Lieutenant General Sir Miles Dempsey, Commander of the Allied Land Forces in South East Asia, and himself were "fed up" with the delay in mind service to South East Asia.

"Two days ago I received a letter from the Chief of Air Staff marked 'the fast air mail' and it had taken three weeks to reach me," Sir Keith said.

"If letters like that take so long what hope has the poor 'service man'?"

"I hope that by the end of January, we shall have mail coming through in fourteen days," he added, saying that the main reason for the delay were bad weather and priority given to air troops.

Reuter.

HARA NO BLACK SHEEP!

Tokyo, Dec. 21. Foreign Minister Shigeru Yoshida heads a list of eight commissioners appointed yesterday to the House of Peers by imperial nomination for outstanding service to the state.

Tsuneko Baba, new president of the newspaper "Yomiuri Hochi," also was named. The appointments carry a lifetime membership. Associated Press.

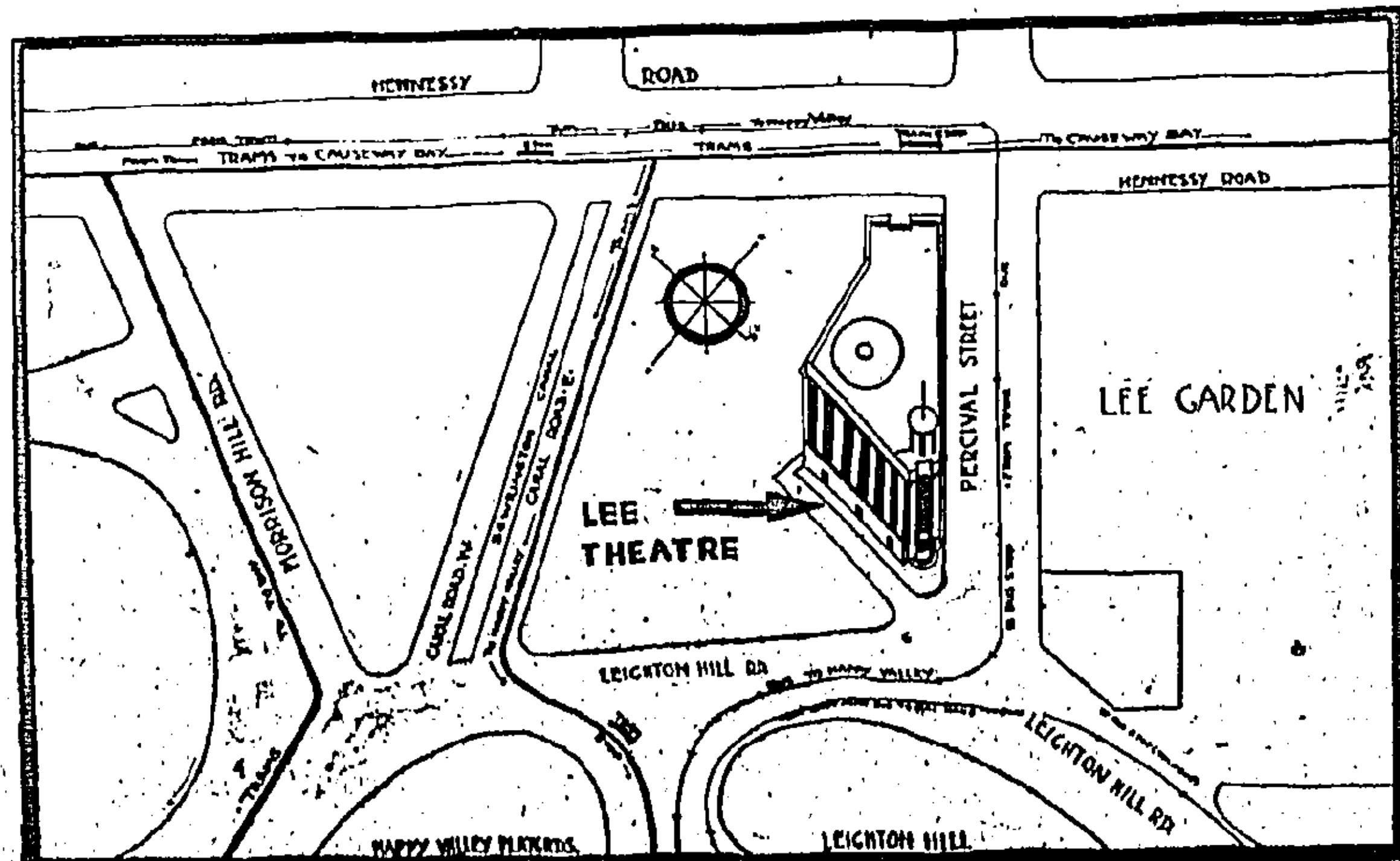
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WASHINGTON, DEC. 22. ADMIRAL RICHMOND KELLY TURNER TOLD CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATORS YESTERDAY THAT THE NAVY COMMAND ANTICIPATED A POSSIBLE JAPANESE BLOW AT PEARL HARBOR IN 1941. HE SAID THAT IF ADMIRAL HUSBANDE KIMMEL HAD COMPLIED WITH THE "ENTIRELY CLEAR" INSTRUCTIONS TO TAKE DEPLOYMENT MEASURES, DAMAGE FROM THE JAPANESE ATTACK WOULD HAVE BEEN "MATERIALLY REDUCED."

He added: "And there was a good chance we could have inflicted considerable damage on the Japanese fleet."

He testified that he expected a possible attack on Hawaii because the American fleet was poised as a "fleet threat" to the Japanese plans in their move southward to the China Sea.

He said the fleet could not move to the Philippines or directly threaten the South China movement "for months" because of warlike-controlled islands between Hawaii and the Philippines.

Turner differed with the previous testimony of Admiral J. O. Richardson that the fleet was as safe at Hawaii as it would have been on the West Coast. Richardson had said a surprise attack could have been made on Pearl Sound as easily as on Hawaii.

Turner maintained that the fleet would have been safer on the West Coast or the Atlantic. He added that the question of its security had nothing to do with its being at Pearl Harbor. He said the "reason was for the security of Hawaii and security of the United States. Hawaii was under war conditions a dangerous place."

He said the fleet was in Hawaii to fight the Japanese if necessary and should have been on guard ready to do just that.

Associated Press.

MURPHY'S ENQUIRY

Washington, Dec. 21. Representative Murphy, Pennsylvania Democrat, has set out to learn why the Army and Navy intelligence services failed to cooperate closely before the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Murphy told a reporter he wanted Adm. Richmond Kelly Turner, one of the Navy's top amphibious commanders of the war, to explain why he didn't get together with Maj. Gen. Sherman Miles in October or November, 1941, to pool their information coming in on

Japanese intentions. Turner then was head of naval intelligence and Miles held the corresponding job in the war department.

Miles told the Senate House Pearl Harbour Investigating Committee recently that a joint intelligence board was formed in 1941 but never got into operation because Turner couldn't find office space for it. Murphy said he wants to know whether that was the real reason.

"I don't know whether pooling information would have helped in forecasting the Pearl Harbour attack or not," he said, "but there has been evidence in testimony that at times the services didn't know what the other was doing."

Associated Press.

Chungking, Dec. 22.

The only response to the intensive United States army recruitment campaign in Chungking was made by Pte. Joseph P. Rivers, of Harlingen, Texas, who signed up for an additional two years. Associated Press.

U.S. Army Navy Merger Argument

WASHINGTON, DEC. 21. PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S CONGRESSIONAL MESSAGE CALLING FOR MERGER OF THE ARMY AND NAVY WAS ACCCLAIMED BY THE AMERICAN PRESS AS AN ABLE, EFFECTIVE CASE FOR UNIFICATION. SOME NEWSPAPERS EDITORIALIZED THAT CONGRESS WOULD ENACT HIS RECOMMENDATION. THE TRUMAN PLAN SEEKS CONSOLIDATION OF THE LAND, SEA AND AIR ARMS INTO A SINGLE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, WITH AIR FORCES FULLY EQUAL TO THE OTHER SERVICES.

The "New York Times" declared the President's message made a sane, intelligent evaluation of the elements involved in the problem and a convincing argument for his conclusions, which it believes would be accepted by Congress and the people.

The "New York Herald Tribune," although declaring the President unwise for resolving the question of the merger "by coming out unequivocally for marriage by command," said the message unquestionably was an able document, prepared by a man "who plainly studied the workings of the existing system in terms not simply of particular service jealousies or fears, but of broad national interest which is so deeply involved."

The "Chicago Sun" said the message states the case of unification so clearly "that for Congress to reject the recommendation would be unthinkable. Any war which this nation fought in the future obviously would require high coordination of land, sea and air forces."

Associated Press.

Pearl Harbour, Dec. 22. The Navy stated today that virtually all the 100,000 Japanese soldiers and sailors who surrendered in the Bonins, Marianas and the Carolines will be evacuated to the homeland before Jan. 1. Associated Press.

Prince Nashimoto May Be Freed

TOKYO, DEC. 22. PRINCE MORIMASA NASHIMOTO AND SEVERAL OTHER JAPANESE NOW HELD IN SUGAMO PRISON AS ALLEGED WAR CRIMINALS SOON MAY BE FREED. IT WAS LEARNED AUTHORITY TENDS TO DAY.

While Joseph B. Keenan, chief of the prosecution, would not state definitely that such action would be taken, he said in reply to a direct question concerning the prince: "If the available evidence fails to show reasonable cause to believe that certain men are guilty, we shall have to release them. I can say that we are scrutinizing the case of Prince Nashimoto for this purpose."

It also was learned that it has been decided definitely that Tojo and his entire cabinet will be tried jointly in the first of the major trials due to start in February. Also, Russia, Britain and China finally have taken steps to assure the State Department they soon will name their members of the court and prosecution staff. Associated Press.

Hong Kong Fixed As H.Q. Of B.P. Fleet

(Continued from Page 1)

Navy hoped to bring the dockyards there up to their pre-war standard, although some of the cranes and equipment is in a bad way.

A LONG JOB

Repatriation of Japanese from South-East Asia looms as a task that will require several years, he said, citing an estimate from the South-East Asia Command that it might take five years at the present rate. He said two Japanese cruisers have their sterns blown off in Singapore harbor, and consideration is being given to repairing one of them to put into service as a repatriation ship that might be able to get a speed of 20 knots.

Of the Japanese prisoners-of-war, he commented: "They are proving good workmen. It is surprising how obedient and willing they are." He said a Japanese working party is needed at Singapore, word is relayed to him and he gets the job done with military precision.

Short-Lived Revolution

Panama City, Dec. 22. At least four were killed and one wounded during a short-lived revolutionary attempt, which a Government statement issued here charged as having been carried out by followers of former President Arnulfo Arias.

The attempt was made when a small band of armed men tried to seize the national police station in a midnight attack. The dead included one policeman and three or four attackers. A policeman was wounded.

The government announced that the attack was quickly broken up and order has been restored. A statement from the President's Palace said:

"A group of partisans of Doctor Arnulfo Arias entered the police station more or less in the attitude of visitors and, after entering, started shooting. Captain Zomora was killed and Lieut. Comaraz wounded. The clash lasted but briefly. Three or four of the attackers were killed. The situation is perfectly under control."

Associated Press.

FASCISM IN SOUTH AMERICA

London, Dec. 22. Moscow Radio today asserted that "increasing Fascist activities" have been noted in Latin American countries. It said: "There is no doubt that obstruction of the peace treaty in Spain would help weaken the forces of reaction and promote the cause of democracy in Latin America."

Associated Press.

Tragic end of Famed Chief of Third Army

LONDON, DEC. 21. GENERAL GEORGE PATTON, FAMOUS COMMANDER OF THE UNITED STATES THIRD ARMY, HAS DIED. HE TOOK A SERIOUS TURN FOR THE WORSE TO-DAY—TWELVE DAYS AFTER HE SUSTAINED SPINAL INJURIES WHEN HIS CAR COLLIDED WITH A LORRY NEAR MANNHEIM.

General George Patton, who not two months ago celebrated his sixtieth birthday, will go down in history as the most spectacular and one of the most successful commanders of the Second World War.

With his force temper, unorthodox views, colourful touches of personal swagger and breakneck tank drives into the heart of Germany, he was certainly the most widely debated of the Allied Generals—a living legend.

His methods, several of which appear to have been his determination to drive his soldiers as hard as he drove himself, were put into triumphant effect when General Dwight Eisenhower gave him the charge of the famous United States Third Army in its breakthrough in Normandy in August, 1944.

In so doing, the Supreme Allied Commander defied public opinion, then ill divided over an incident in Sicily, where General Patton in a fit of temper slapped a shell-shocked soldier in hospital.

The General was taken severely to task over this incident by General Eisenhower and had to apologise for it.

Military records. General Patton began boldly dashing his armoured columns straight to the Ardennes. His thrusts from there into the Reich played a large part in nullifying General von Rundstedt's last counter-offensive.

Some of his achievements are military records. He set the pace when his Fourth Armoured Division advanced eighty miles in one day from Rennes to Nantes, but he beat his own record when during the operation against General von Rundstedt, he made forty-two miles in forty-two hours, advancing on an average of a hundred miles daily. Reuter.

FATAL COMPLICATIONS

Heidelberg, Dec. 22. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., one of America's most famous war-time generals, died last night after a courageous five-day fight for the life he risked so often on the battlefield.

He died peacefully in his sleep at 5.50 p.m. from a blood clot which developed gangrene in a lung and weakened his warrior heart. The fatal complications followed an automobile accident which had left him paralysed from the shoulders down.

Mrs. Patton, who was at the general's bedside, decided the famous third army commander would be buried along the route his mighty mechanized columns drove through France and into Germany victoriously.

Plans were ordered to half staff across the American-occupied zone of Germany. Gen. Joseph McNarney, United States commander in Europe, said: "He went down fighting." Patton's own remark as he lay crippled in the hospital was: "This is a hell of a way to die."

Patton was 60. He was generally recognized as the outstanding American general in striking with mechanized power, and a high German military leader said only a few days ago that Patton was the general the Germans ranked highest as a field commander.

Some of the best surgeons in the army and Europe failed in their effort to save the tough former third army commander, who was one of the most controversial figures in the American forces.

General Patton caught the popular fancy in the United States as the dashing, ex-cavalry man who led the United States forces in the conquest of Tunisia and again in the armoured dash against France after the invasion of Europe.

These exploits, which captured the imagination of the world, were the culminating episodes in

a military career that was as picturesque as it was distinguished as well as being coloured by controversy over his unorthodoxy. Always in the forefront of the fight, General Patton leaped impulsively into the water from a boat to lead his men into battle on the shores of Sicily.

TALES OF PROFANITY. Many were the tales told about his profanity, Patton being affectionately loved by his men who were reputed to be willing to follow him anywhere.

One raw infantryman who had been the unhappy object of a barrage of the Patton invective was told by his comrades: "Why, you have not lived until you have been cursed by 'Old Blood and Guts,' which was the nickname bestowed upon General Patton by his men."

Patton seemed incapable of remaining long out of the limelight. Among other incidents there was the occasion in 1943 when he was the subject of sharp discussions in army circles and the press over his striking a shell-shocked American soldier. He was rebuked by General Eisenhower and subsequently relieved of the command of the 7th Army. But Patton was too valuable to sacrifice and he was appointed to command the 3rd Army in the invasion of France.

His spectacular dash at the head of his troops into Germany caused a sensation in the world.

FALLS FOUL. Then, the war over, he again fell foul of authority when, as Administrator of the Eastern Military Province in Germany, he was relieved of his command for remarks he made about de-Nazification in his zone.

But Patton's reputation was made. Already richly be-medalled, he found the liberated countries of Europe anxious to pin on him their highest decoration.

Patton had his lighter human side. For a pastime he wrote poetry—two volumes which he hoped to have published posthumously. He liked to sing in church and knew the whole order of Episcopal prayer by heart. Associated Press.

Truman Tilts Lance With Congress

WASHINGTON, DEC. 22. PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S RELATIONS WITH CONGRESS ASSUMED A STRAINED TONE DURING THE LAST WEEK. HIS PARTY LEADERS EXPRESSED THE HOPE FOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE SITUATION WHEN LEGISLATIVE WORK IS RESUMED AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.

THE DISCORD WAS EMPHASIZED IN THESE DEVELOPMENTS:

- (1) The President told a news conference that he would express himself forcefully soon on legislation calling for return of the United States employment service to the states within 100 days.
- (2) Release of letters to lawmakers in which the President termed unacceptable the House substitute for the so-called "full employment bill" approved by the Senate.
- (3) Issuance of an order authorizing the fair employment practices committee to delay a report on employment practices in private industry until June 30.

Rep. Gibson, Georgia Democrat, called Truman's action "a political blunder" and said "it was just like waving a red flag in our faces. He should have left well enough alone. Now we

Obnoxious!

Berlin, Dec. 22. The Allied Control Council has requested that all members of the United Nations assist in returning to Germany all German agents and "obnoxious" Germans in their countries.

The Council had issued previously a formal recall of all German officials living in neutral nations at the time of surrender. Associated Press.

Clash On Danish Border

LONDON, DEC. 22. MOSCOW RADIO TO-DAY QUOTED A TASS AGENCY DISPATCH FROM COPENHAGEN AS SAYING THERE HAD BEEN "CLASHES" INVOLVING BRITISH AND DANISH TROOPS ON THE DANISH-GERMAN FRONTIER.

The broadcast said that a "number of clashes" had taken place but did not elaborate their nature.

The radio said the clashes were caused by the fact that the British do not permit the Danes to search the luggage of soldiers from the German army sent from Denmark to Germany.

It said the Danes decided to search the luggage of some Germans as they approached the frontier but it appears the Germans considered themselves under the regime of special protection and did not wish to submit themselves to the demands of the Danish frontier troops. Associated Press.

RECIPROCAL RIGHTS

Sydney, Dec. 22. The Sydney "Morning Herald" today reported that the United States has proposed an air transport agreement to Australia providing for reciprocal landing rights in trans-Pacific service. The paper said a similar offer has been made to New Zealand. Associated Press.

RADIO

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23rd 1945.
STUDIO: MALE VOICE CHORUS.—"ANSON" WAITS
IN A BAROQUE RECITAL.
2.30 HONGKONG broadcasting on a frequency of 640 Kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m. also on 9.52 Megacycles.
H.K.T.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.30 p.m.—Half an Hour of Canto Music.
1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.
1.10 p.m.—Reginald Dixon at the Organ.
1.30 p.m.—New Mayfair Orchestra.
2.00 p.m.—Class Down.
6.30 p.m.—Studio—Church Service by the Rev. J.H. Ogilvie, O.B.E., R.N.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.
7.15 p.m.—Eric Coates—"London Again" Suite, "Knightsbridge March" and "Down the Mall."
7.30 p.m.—Studio—Male Voice Chorus—"Anson" Waits in A Carol Recital.
8.00 p.m.—Music by English Composers.
8.30 p.m.—Studio—Art Carretto & His KNSA Hongkong Orchestra.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.
9.05 p.m.—"Music Time"—KNSA.
9.35 p.m.—New Light Symphony Orchestra.
10.00 p.m.—Selections from Grand Opera.
10.30 p.m.—Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.
11.00 p.m.—Class Down.
Programmes marked H.K.S.A. are recorded specially for Services Entertainment by the Department of National Services Entertainment.

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